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SUBJECT: JAPANESE PARTICIPATION AT AD-HOC LIAISON COMMITTEE
MEETING

REF: STATE 97393

Classified By: Deputy Chief of Mission Jim Zumwalt for reasons 1.4(b) and (d)

¶1. (C) Japan will be represented at the September 22 New York meeting of the Ad-Hoc Liaison Committee by Ambassador Tatsuo Arima, Japan's Special Envoy for the Middle East Peace Process, according to MOFA First Middle East Division Principal Deputy Director Akihiro Tsuji. Ministerial representation, he explained, is not possible due to domestic political turmoil. As it is, Japan hopes to have a new Prime Minister and cabinet on or about September 25. Until then, ministers will not be leaving the country.

¶2. (C) Tsuji said his bureau is advocating in support of making additional pledges of financial assistance for the Palestinian Authority at the meeting, and is currently negotiating what might be possible with the International Cooperation Bureau. If efforts to gain MOFA approval for additional assistance are successful, a case will then need to be made to the Ministry of Finance. Tsuji was unwilling or unable to provide further details on how much assistance is being contemplated. He took note of the "extraordinary" level of financial support already provided by the United States, but wondered if we would be announcing additional support at the meeting.
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